



# **Hazardous Materials Specialist Group**

**Meeting Minutes November 30-December 1, 2011**

**Los Angeles Fire Station #40**

**Los Angeles, CA**

**Members in attendance,** Jack Frye, Scott Quirarte, George Rojas, Shanna Kuempel, Jonathan Poganski, , Brad Darbro, Steve Langston, Steve Carrick, John Crook, Shane Sherwood.

**Absent:** Steve Byers, Bob Whitman, Steve Baker, Clay Flad, Josh Stinnet, Randy Alva.

**New Members: none.**

## **Approval of minutes**

Meeting called to order at 1300 hours. Update on status of new and pending issues. SEL will need to reflect the removal of the Lead Lined Gloves by the group.

Group discussed the next revision of the SEL is scheduled in 2012. All other issues with the SEL were identified as being tabled until the 2012 review.

## **Task Force Updates.**

Communications Process of information and procedures,

Communication of our minutes and scheduled meetings will be directly to Chief Ralph Domanski at CALEMA in a word document. Chief Domanski will be the main contact for those items being posted to the website. All other communication will go through the Task Force.

Discussions about process of transitioning document control internally in the group.

FOG manual update . With the final versions of the chapters submitted and approved a final review will be conducted by the group to check for accuracy. The group will also submit a . Glossary of new terms in the WMD Section

Roster and Charter needs to be updated and sent to Task Force for Approval

**Roundtable:** George Rojas Quarterly Drill update from Riverside. Simulation multi agency and Civil Support team utilization.

Poganski: Updates on Occupy Protests and the various hazardous materials issues. Discussion about possible grant sources for equipment and training, and new technologies.

Ventura: Updates Equipment purchases, and FBI contact information. New Classes on Joint terrorism training related to illicit drugs and with multi discipline instructors. Joint regional intelligence center (JRIC).

Jack Fry: Occupy Issues with Law enforcement using Tyvek due to biohazard issues. La City has been pre-deploying Haz mat teams. So far all have been peaceful. Port of Los Angeles issues of refurbished Refrigerated containers that have an unknown gas that has exploded and killed at least 6 workers during maintenance. Updates on new assignment to the JRIC and the coordination of information.

Shane. Updates on training on disposal of Hazardous Materials.

John Crook Updates Federal Budget issues. Regional training planned for neighboring agencies. Attending a meeting in Arlington regarding new technologies and equipment.

Camp Pendleton s may have a few spots for Tech/Specialist training.

Updates to Roster.

Review of 2012 FOG Guide. Changes to be sent Hard Copy to The Task Force a.s.a.p.

Updates to Lesson Plan and Position Descriptions will resume after the publishing of the FOG Guide. Assignments will be reviewed based on Reviewing or Revising. New Lesson Plans will be created for new positions.

A Glossary of new terms will be provided to the Task Force created from the final document.

### **Election of New Officers**

Motion by Rojas to elect Shanna Kuempel as Chair, Second by Jack Frye.

Motion to Elect Shane Sherwood as Vice Chair, Second By Shanna Kuempel

Both elected unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 1400 Hours on December 1st

**Next Meeting is Scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in San Louis Obispo Location TBD**